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**YOUNG ADULT AND CHILDREN AUTHORS ANNOUNCED FOR  
4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NEWBURYPORT LITERARY FESTIVAL**

*Program to include the works of both locally and nationally known  
young adult and children authors*

Further encouraging its mission of, “Reading for a Lifetime,” the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF) is proud to announce the young adult and children authors presenting at this year’s Festival on April 24 – 25, 2009 in venues throughout downtown Newburyport.

Young adult and children authors to include (Listed in alphabetical order):

- **Tony Abbott:** Abbott has published over sixty books of fiction for younger readers, including the popular *Danger Guys* series, *Time Surfers*, *Cracked Classics*, and the best selling fantasy sequence, *The Secrets of Droon*.
- **Julia Alvarez:** Alvarez is the author of several novels, including *Saving the World*, *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents*, *iYo!*, *In the Time of the Butterflies* and *In The Name of Salome*, as well as a book of essays, *Something to Declare*, and several poetry books, among them, *The Woman I Kept to Myself*.
- **Amelia Atwater-Rhodes:** Atwater-Rhodes published many novels, which have been named ALA Quick Picks for Young Adults. Her most recent novel, *Persistence of Memory*, was published in December 2008.
- **Katie Davis:** Davis is the bestselling author/illustrator of seven picture books (including *Who Hops*, and *Kindergarten Rocks!* which was given to every incoming kindergartner in the state of Georgia), and one kind-of graphic novel for children, *The Curse of Addy McMahon*.
- **Jack D. Ferraiolo:** Ferraiolo has spent the last ten years writing and editing for television animation. He recently won an Emmy award for his writing on *WordGirl* (PBS), a show he also developed. *The Big Splash* is his first novel.

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- **Mark Karlins:** Among his publications are *Music Over Manhattan*, which was hailed by NPR as “a new classic,” and *Mendel's Ladder*, a Smithsonian Top Ten Books of The Year. His latest picture book, *Starring Lorenzo, and Einstein Too*, has just been released.
- **David McPhail – NLF 2009 Honoree:** McPhail is the award-winning author and illustrator of nearly 200 books beloved by children, parents and librarians across the United States. He is recognized as one of the most prolific and influential children’s authors in the country.
- **Judith Moffatt:** Moffatt has illustrated over 50 books for young children. *Too Many Rabbits* was recognized as an American Pick of the List selection, *The Sun-Maid-Raisin Play Book* was a Children’s Book of the Month Club main selection, and *I Am a... Nature Reader* science series won an Oppenheim Best Book Gold Award.
- **David Weitzman:** It was at the foot of Cheops’s great pyramid that David first heard about the “Sun Boat,” and from the moment David laid eyes on it, he knew there was a story waiting to be told.

The Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF), organized by the Newburyport Literary Association, annually celebrates the joy of reading and writing as well as the love of books. The NLF in 2009 features more than 40 writers of distinguished fiction and non-fiction – including short story writers, children's authors, biographers, nature writers, critics, screenwriters, poets, novelists, and journalists – who will read and discuss their work in venues throughout Newburyport's historic downtown

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